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SUBJECT: SOVIET WARSHIP VISIT

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1. SOVIET MISSILE DESTROYER MARSHAL VOROSHILOV LEFT
PORT LOUIS ON MARCH 15 AFTER A VISIT OF EIGHT DAYS. THE
TANKER WHICH HAD ACCOMPANIED THE DESTROYER LEFT A DAY EARLIER.

2. THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND THE MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT
TREATED VISIT IN LOW KEY (SEEMINGLY, SO AS TO AVOID CONFLICT
WITH NYERERE STATE VISIT AND SIXTH ANNIVERSARY MAURITIAN
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS) AND ONLY ON LAST DAY OF VISIT WAS
THERE COVERAGE IN PRESS OF SHIPS PRESENCE. EVEN VISIT BY
SHIPS OFFICERS TO BUST OF LENIN IN PARK IN PORT LOUIS ON DAY
OF ARRIVAL WENT UNNOTICED IN PRESS. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM
AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LUNCHEDED ABOARD MARSHAL VOROSHILOV
ON MARCH 15, AGAIN WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

3. CREW, AS USUAL, PERMITTED ASHORE IN GROUPS FIVE OR
SIX UNDER SUPERVISION OF PETTY OFFICER. PUBLIC VISITING
WAS PERMITTED ON DESTROYER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, BUT WAS
LIMITED TO WEATHER DECKS.
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